

## Aaron Martinez: 2015 Picou Fellowship Recipient



Aaron Martinez received his B.Sc. in geology from The College of William and Mary. His undergraduate research study was on a time-averaging question in the Chesapeake Bay under the direction of Professor Rowan Lockwood. His poster at the 2014 North American Paleontological Convention won the first-ever Best Undergraduate Presentation Award. Aaron also spent a summer as an intern in the NASA Student Airborne Research Program, using remote sensing for ecological purposes. Aaron is currently at The University of California, Riverside working on the question: how do oxygen levels affect species origination and extinction rates, by studying the composition of black shales using multi-proxy analysis to determine the role of anoxia during the Late Devonian extinction events (the Hangenberg bioevent in particular). Dr. Mary Drozler serves as principal advisor.